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Role Description

1. Details of Post

Role Title: Vicar
Name of benefice: The Benefice of Aldborough with Boroughbridge and Roecliffe

Deanery: Ripon
Archdeaconry: Richmond & Craven
Initial point of contact on terms of service: Archdeacon of Richmond and Craven

2. Role Purpose

General

- To share with the Bishop both in the cure of souls and in responsibility, under God, for transforming lives, congregations and communities in this United Parish with reference to any current priorities established by the bishop.
- To be the Vicar of this United Parish, having regard to the calling and responsibilities of the clergy as described in the Canons, the Ordinal, the Code of Professional Conduct for the Clergy and other relevant legislation.
- To collaborate within the deanery in mission and ministry and, through the deanery plan, in such reshaping of ministry as resources and opportunities may require.
- To develop the ministry of the laity, through training, delegation, encouragement and support so that they have greater involvement in the mission and ministry of the United Parish.
- To work with the UPCC and local Church Committees along with supporting fellow clergy towards the development of a Parish vision, and to review that vision with them.
- To ensure that a high standard of worship, preaching and pastoral care is provided so that people are more able to live and grow as disciples of Christ.
- To seek ecumenical cooperation wherever possible.
- To gain a good working understanding of the Diocese and the support it provides.
- To encourage Christian stewardship of people's time, money and abilities so that the ministry of the church is strengthened and enabled.
- Whilst maintaining a distinctively Christian witness, to make new positive links and develop the existing links with community and external organisations based in the parish, so that full use is made of opportunities for outreach and service to the community.

3. Specific

- To continue bringing the Churches together and develop collaborative ways of working together
- To continue in helping to realise the benefits of being a United Parish
- To develop with the United Parish and people a renewed vision of what it means locally, and how to communicate the Christian message effectively, utilising the distinctive qualities of the five church communities.

- To Develop strategies to engage children, youth and families.
- To enliven our services through music and reach out to occasional church goers.

4. Key contacts

- The Churchwardens, Parish Administrator (PT), Parish Officers and members of the UPCC
- The Area Bishop
- The Archdeacon
- The Area Dean

5. Role context and any other relevant information

- One of the challenges of having five communities to cover is being visible and known in the town and the four villages.
- We want to reach out to children, young people and families. We need to attract them to Church, welcome them, and keep them coming back for more
- We have five beautiful church buildings to share with you. We feel that they are under-utilised in some cases at present
- Music is important in our services, we are generally traditional in our music choices but we are open to exploring new suggestions

6. Benefice summary

Parish: United Parish of Aldborough and Boroughbridge with Roecliffe

Churches: 5

PCCs: 1 United PCC and 5 Local CCs

Churchwardens: 9

Clergy: Support from 1 retired priest, 1 SSM and 1 retired bishop (all out of the Parish)

Buildings:

Churchyards: 2 St Mary's Dunsforth and St Mary's Roecliffe In addition Boroughbridge Town Council own and manage 2 cemeteries in the parish and the local crematorium is Stonefall in Harrogate

Population: Approx 4500 in the United Parish

Parish Share: Aldborough £11836 , Boroughbridge £16447, Dunsforth £9532, Minskip £5251.50, Roecliffe £10690.00

Expenses: Reasonable expenses reimbursed in full

Resolutions: None

Church tradition: Central and Rural Traditional

Pastoral Reorganisation: None

Role description signed off by: The Archdeacon of Richmond and Craven

Date:

To be reviewed 6 months after commencement of the appointment, and at each Ministerial Development Review, alongside the setting of objectives.